



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **Heat advisory issued for Hampton, staff on standby to open cooling site if needed**

The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory for Hampton from noon to 8 p.m. today. City personnel are monitoring the weather conditions and on standby today through the weekend to open a cooling site if needed.

Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions (HELP) will be driving their mobile cooling center throughout the city today through Sunday, distributing bottled water and other cooling items. As they go through the community, they will assess whether a fixed cooling site is necessary and will advise Social Services and Emergency Management.

Fire and Rescue will be monitoring any increases in call volume related to heat illnesses during the weekend.

If a cooling site is needed, Social Services and Parks and Recreation will open a cooling site at Old Hampton Community Center.

A heat advisory means that a period of hot temperatures is expected. Residents are advised to drink plenty of water and, if possible, stay in an air-conditioned building, avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight, check on relatives and neighbors and provide shelter and fresh water for pets.

Residents without air-conditioning may be affected by this weekend's heat. They may visit their local public library or community center to take advantage of the air-conditioned facilities. Hours of operation are listed below:

### **Main Library**

4207 Victoria Blvd.

Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Northampton Branch Library**

936 Big Bethel Rd.

Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Phoebus Branch Library**

1 S. Mallory St.

Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

**Willow Oaks Branch Library**

227 Fox Hill Rd.

Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**North Phoebus Community Center**

249 West Chamberlin Ave.

Friday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

**Northampton Community Center**

1435-A Todds Ln.

Friday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

**Old Hampton Community Center**

201 Lincoln St.

Friday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

**The Hampton Senior Center**

3501 Kecoughtan Rd.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

**West Hampton Community Center**

1638 Briarfield Rd.

Friday: 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday: 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Citizens who wish to find more information on what to do during a heat-related emergency can visit the Virginia Department of Health's website [www.vdh.virginia.gov](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov) or call the 311 Customer Call Center at 727-8311.

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